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April 22, 2015

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A FUNDING AGREEMENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES, INC. FOR THE EVALUATION OF PZA INOCULUM TESTING METHODS FOR MYCOBACTERIA TUBERCULOSIS COMPLEX**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your board on April 19, 2011, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept Agreement Number 56400-200-640-15-01, from the Association of Public Health Laboratories, Inc. (APHL), in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, in the amount of \$12,500, for the period effective March 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. Acceptance of this award will support data collection and analysis to aid future discussions regarding standardization and guidance for alternative methods for conducting pyrazinamide (PZA) drug susceptibility testing. Improved standardization of tuberculosis drug susceptibility testing will provide more accurate results which will enhance patient treatment.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the APHL Agreement as to form and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in the Agreement include provisions requiring the County to defend and indemnify APHL against all claims and losses related to this Agreement. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors